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HOUSTON, TEXAS

August 12, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Suite 1101A
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Removal of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

I am writing to urge the complete removal of dioxin waste from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site located in Harris County, Texas. While I understand the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been monitoring the site, I believe that recent flooding and the risk of hurricanes point to the need to act decisively and deliberately to ensure public health and safety.

I share the concerns of many of my constituents as it relates to the significant risks the site poses, especially to the many in the Greater Houston region who enjoy Galveston Bay for recreational purposes, as well as the many businesses that rely on the continued ecological health of the area. Not only would an environmental disaster expose thousands of Houstonians to a public health risk, it could also create a significant disruption in the local economy.

I am concerned that this hazardous waste dump site could pose a real threat to the Greater Houston community; thus, we must not fail to meet this challenge head on. Our failure to act could affect not only the lives of current Houston residents, but also the lives of generations to come as some estimates indicate the dioxins could take centuries to degrade.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and I look forward to working with you and the EPA to protect Houston communities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 225-7508.

Sincerely,



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